GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally sponsored schemes for providing basic facilities for the development of sports in the country ;

(b) the details of facilities being provided under these schemes, State-wise ;

(c) the amount allocated for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise ;

(d) whether these facilities are not sufficient for the development of sports ;

(e) if so, whether the Union Government propose to provide more funds for the development of sports ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ AND YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) : Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was supplementing the efforts of the State Governments for creation of sports facilities viz. sports complex, stadia , swimming pool, development of playfield, purchase of sports equipments etc. by providing Central assistance under the Centrally Sponsored `Sports Infrastructure Schemes` in accordance with the approved pattern subject to the receipt of viable proposals from the State Government. Government, however, decided to transfer the Sports Infrastructure Scheme to the State sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005. Thus, fresh cases of Sports Infrastructure projects will have to be funded by State Governments out of their own resources. All State Governments were informed accordingly in February, 2005.

(c) No State-wise allocation of funds was done under the erstwhile Sports Infrastructure Schemes . Depending upon the receipt of viable proposals , admissible Central assistance was provided. However, State wise details of funds provided under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes during the last three years is indicated in the statement annexed.

(d) Yes Sir, the existing facilities are not sufficient for realizing the potential of sports in the country.

(e) & (f) Presently, the Ministry is implementing the scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations. Under the scheme, Central assistance is provided to the recognised National Sports Federations, which are autonomous registered bodies, for purposes such as for participation in tournaments & Training abroad, organizing National/International Championships in India and purchase of Sports Equipments. Sports Authority of India is also implementing schemes for promotion of sports namely
(i) National Sports Talent Contest;
(ii) Army Boys Sports Company;
(iii) Special Area Games;
(iv) SAI Training Centre; and
(v) Centres for Excellence. Besides, financial assistance is also provided to outstanding sportspersons for purchase of equipments, scientific support and training and participation within country and abroad under the scheme relating to Talent Search & Training.

However, in consideration of the position mentioned at (d) above, consideration is also being given to the promotion of a Panchayat Yuva Khel Abhiyan in collaboration with various stakeholders like Panchayat Raj Institutions, Nehru Yuva Kendras, educational institutions, etc.